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SUBJECT: UNDP -- DUTCH INITIATIVE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

REFS: (A) STATE 118717

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1. SUMMARY: GON IS CONCERNED BY OPPOSITION WITHIN NINE
AND FROM US ON ITS PROPOSAL RE UNDP AND SOUTHERN AFRICA
BUT MAINTAINS PROPOSAL ENVISAGED WOULD NOT INVOLVE UNDP
DIRECTLY IN ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATED AREAS OR MOVEMENTS.
MFA OFFICIAL RECOGNIZED ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS HAS HIGH POLITICAL PRIORITY FOR NEW GOVT BUT
CLAIMS GENESIS OF CURRENT PROPOSALS ANTEDATES DEN UYL
REGIME. MFA FEELS CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING ARGUMENT
ADVANCED BY USG IS NOT PERSUASIVE AND WOULD WELCOME FULLER
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EXPOSITION OF " REAL REASONS" USG OBJECTS TO DUTCH PROPOSAL. GON, WHICH PROMISES FULLER EXPLANATION ITS POSITION IN THIS AFTERNOON' S INTERVENTION, APPARENTLY STILL UNDECIDED ON WHETHER DEFINITELY PUSH FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR WHICH THEY THINK THEY HAVE MAJORITY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS REF A EMBOFF DISCUSSED DUTCH UNDP PROPOSAL WITH MFA (RINGNALDA, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS), MORNING JUNE 19. RINGNALDA SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY EXPLAIN DUTCH POSITION AND SUGGESTED EMBASSY HAD BEEN WISE NOT TO MAKE HIGH LEVEL APPROACH WHICH HE SUSPECTED WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. EMBOFF MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 TO 4 REF A. RINGNALDA EMPHASIZED PRIMARY DUTCH CONCERN WAS TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND UNDP APPROPRIATION WAS BEST WAY ENSURE THIS. HE STRESSED UNDP WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN DIRECT ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN LIBERATED AREAS BUT WOULD BE WORKING THROUGH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHICH IN TURN WOULD BE COOPERATING WITH OAU. RINGNALDA SAID QUESTION OF EXACTLY WHAT CONSTITUTED HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITY LESS IMPORTANT THAN PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY PEOPLES IN TERRITORIES NOT ACTUALLY CONTROLLED BY SOVEREIGN GOVTS AS WAS CLEARLY CASE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN GUINEA BISSAU.

3. RINGNALDA ADMITTED MFA IS DISTURBED BY DIVISIVE EFFECTS DUTCH INITIATIVE HAD HAD IN NINE. HE SAID GON WOULD HAVE WELCOMED US SUPPORT ON INITIATIVE SINCE GON DOES NOT WANT " CLASH OF HEADS" IN GENEVA. RINGNALDA ASKED EMBOFF TO EXPLAIN WHY US WAS SO NEGATIVE TO DUTCH PROPOSAL. EMBOFF REITERATED LINE TAKEN BY BENNETT AND KITCHEN DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH DUTCH DELEGATION IN GENEVA AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE GON PROFESSED NOT UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHY USG CONSIDERED DUTCH PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE. RINGNALDA, WHO SPENT SEVERAL YEARS AT DUTCH MISSION UN WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT ARGUMENT THAT ADOPTION DUTCH RESOLUTION WOULD IMPERIL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, CONTENDING THIS WAS A STAND US ARGUMENT. EMBOFF SAID EXPERIENCE INDICATED IT GENERALLY PRUDENT ERR
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ON SIDE OF CAUTION WHEN CONSIDERING THIS SUBJECT.

4. RINGNALDA SAID DUTCH WILL MAKE INTERVENTION IN GENEVA THIS AFTERNOON AND EXPLAIN IN MORE DETAIL EXACTLY WHY THEY ARE PUSHING THIS ISSUE BUT COULD NOT BE DEFINITIVE ON WHETHER DUTCH WOULD IN FACT FINALLY PRESENT RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED GENEVA' S 2893. HE SAID GON

COULD PROBABLY COUNT ON MAJORITY IF IT DID. DURING
COURSE OF DISCUSSION, EMBOFF SUGGESTED USG NOT UNAWARE
OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL ADVANTAGE FOR NEW GOVT IN
ESPOUSING THIS LINE. RINGNALDA SAID DOMESTIC CONSIDER A-
TION WAS NOT PARAMOUNT AND REITERATED GOVT FELT STRONGLY
ABOUT THIS SUBJECT AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.
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